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REVIEWS.

Stocks and Stockholders. By Arthur L. Helliwell. Keefe-Davidson Co., St. Paul, Minn. Sheep, 1071 pages.

Minor criticisms can be made upon this book. It is more voluminous than seems necessary; the table of cases cited could have been condensed so as to cover less than a hundred pages; and where the principles of the law and the reasons on which they rest are clearly stated, extensive quotations from decisions in text and note do not add to the value of such a work. The author, in his references to the doctrine that the assets of a corporation constitute a trust fund for the benefit of its creditors, does not seem to follow the trend of modern opinion. And his treatment of trusts and holding companies, to which he calls especial attention, cannot, in view of the inchoate stage in the evolution of the law relating to these yet reached, but be unsatisfactory. Yet, despite these, the work is undoubtedly a success. It is thoroughly up-to-date, even containing a discussion of the Northern Securities Company cases. Although restricted in its title to a consideration of the law relating to stock and stockholders, in reality it touches upon nearly every question of importance involving corporation law which the practitioner frequently encounters. Its style is that most suitable for the lawyer; without flourishes of rhetoric or beauties of diction, its apt choice of words and ordering of phrases does not leave doubtful even for a moment the exact thought which the author intends to convey. Unburdened by black-lettered synopses at the heads of the paragraphs, it well illustrates how unnecessary these are where the statements in the body of the text are clear and concise. Altogether it is an example of the best type of modern text book.

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Taylor's Landlord and Tenant. Ninth Edition. By Henry F. Buswell. Little, Brown and Co., Boston, Mass. 1904. 2 vols. Sheep, pp. cxxx and 1133.

The editor has not contented himself in this edition, as in the eighth, published in 1887, with merely bringing this work to date, by embodying in the footnotes the later decisions which affirm new principles, or modify familiar rules, and by making slight amendments in the text. In the present edition the entire text of the work has been subjected to a critical revision, and while all essential statements of the author have been retained, redundancies, repetitions and obsolete matter have been expunged. In place of the matter thus removed the substance of the notes, where the importance of the principles enunciated warrants, has been incorporated into the text, and the remainder of the notes, with the additions thereto, have been collated and condensed. Some twelve hundred new cases,